

'Intensifying Search' Yields No Debris

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Despite what Australia called an "intensifying search effort," an international hunt Sunday by aircraft and ships in the southern Indian Ocean found no debris linked to the Malaysian jet that vanished more than three weeks ago.

Several dozen angry Chinese relatives of Flight 370 passengers demanded "evidence, truth, dignity" from Malaysian authorities, expressing their frustrations at a hotel near Kuala Lumpur as the mystery drags on.

Nine aircraft and eight ships searching the waters off western Australia found only "fishing equipment and other flotsam" not connected to the Malaysia Airlines plane, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said. The Boeing 777 disappeared March 8 while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people aboard.

But at least four orange objects that were more than 2 meters (6 feet) in size were seen by the crew of an Australian P3 Orion search plane, said the pilot, Flight Lt. Russell Adams, after returning to base.

"I must stress that we can't confirm the origin of these objects," he said, adding that images of the items have yet to be verified, and a GPS buoy was dropped and ships must still investigate.

Search Continues At Mudslide Site

DARRINGTON, Wash. (AP) — Families coping with the loss of friends and neighbors sought comfort Sunday in church services, while crews searched for more victims of the mudslide that buried the mountainside community of Oso more than a week ago.

Many of the dogs that have been essential in the search will take a two-day break, rescue crews said. Days of working in the cold and rain have taken their toll on the animals, and officials say the dogs can lose their sensing ability if over-worked.

"The conditions on the slide field are difficult, so this is just a time to take care of the dogs," said Kris Rietmann, a spokeswoman for the team working on the eastern portion of the slide, which hit March 22 about 55 miles northeast of Seattle and is one of the deadliest in U.S. history.

Dogs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that arrived more recently will continue working, said Heidi Amrine, another spokeswoman for the operation.

Late Saturday, authorities revised the number of people believed to be missing from 90 to 30, while the official death toll increased by one, to 18, said Jason Biermann, program manager at the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management.

Blood Test Helps Rule Out Heart Attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A simple test appears very good at ruling out heart attacks in people who go to emergency rooms with chest pain, a big public health issue and a huge worry for patients.

A large study in Sweden found that the blood test plus the usual electrocardiogram of the heartbeat were 99 percent accurate at showing which patients could safely be sent home rather than be admitted for observation and more diagnostics.

Of nearly 9,000 patients judged low risk by the blood test and with normal electrocardiograms, only 15 went on to suffer a heart attack in the next month, and not a single one died.

"We believe that with this strategy, 20 to 25 percent of admissions to hospitals for chest pain may be avoided," said Dr. Nadia Bandstein of the Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm.

She helped lead the study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology and presented Sunday at the cardiology college's annual conference in Washington.

Brazil Police Push Into Rio Slums

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — More than 1,400 police officers and Brazilian Marines rolled into a massive complex of slums near Rio de Janeiro's international airport before dawn Sunday in the latest security push ahead of this year's World Cup.

Not a shot was fired as the Mare complex of 15 slums became the latest impoverished area to see security forces move in to take control and try to push out heavily armed drug gangs that have ruled Rio's shantytowns for decades.

In the coming days, Army soldiers will begin patrolling the virtually treeless, flat area of about 2 square miles (5 square kilometers) in northern Rio that hugs the main road to the airport and is home to about 130,000 people.

Security forces will eventually set up permanent posts in Mare as part of the "pacification" program that began in 2008 and is meant to secure Rio ahead of not the World Cup and also the 2016 Summer Olympics. Police have installed 37 such posts in recent years in an area covering 1.5 million people.

Sunday's operation comes at a critical time for the security effort. In recent months, gangs have brazenly attacked police outposts in other shantytowns on orders from imprisoned gang leaders who want to stymie the spread of "pacified" slums. With each area police occupy, gangs lose valuable territory for the manufacture and sale of drugs.

Talks Fail To End Ukraine Deadlock

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PARIS — The United States and Russia agreed Sunday that the crisis in Ukraine requires a diplomatic resolution, but four hours of talks between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov failed to break a tense East-West deadlock over how to proceed.

Sitting face-to-face but not seeing eye-to-eye on any of the most critical issues, Kerry and Lavrov advanced far-different proposals on how to calm tensions and de-escalate the situation, particularly as Russia continues to mass troops along its border with the former Soviet republic. As he called for Moscow to begin an immediate pullback of the troops, Kerry also ruled out discussion of Russia's demand for Ukraine to become a loose federation until-and-unless Ukrainians are at the table.

"The Russian troop buildup is creating a climate of fear and intimidation in Ukraine," Kerry told reporters at the home of the U.S. ambassador to France after the meeting, which was held at the Russian ambassador's residence and included a working dinner. "It certainly does not create the climate that we need for dialogue."

The U.S. believes the massing of tens of thousands of Russian soldiers, ostensibly

for military exercises, along the border is at once an attempt to intimidate Ukraine's new leaders after Russia's annexation of the strategic Crimean peninsula and to use a bargaining chip with the United States and the European Union, which have condemned Crimea's absorption into Russia and imposed sanctions on senior Russian officials.

Kerry noted that even if the troops remain on Russian soil and do not enter Ukraine, they create a negative atmosphere.

"The question is not one of right or legality," he said. "The question is one of strategic appropriateness and whether it's smart at this moment of time to have troops massed on the border."

U.S. officials said Kerry proposed a number of ideas on troop withdrawals from the border and that Lavrov, while making no promises, told him he would present the proposals to the Kremlin.

At a separate news conference at the Russian ambassador's house, Lavrov did not address the troop issue. Instead, he made the case for Moscow's idea of Ukraine as a federalized nation with its various regions enjoying major autonomy from the government in Kiev. Russia says it is particularly concerned about the treatment of ethnic Russians and Russian speakers who live in southern and eastern Ukraine.

Lavrov said that Ukraine can't function as a "unified

state" and should be a loose federation of regions that are each allowed to choose their own economic, financial, social, linguistic and religious models.

He said every time Ukraine has elected a new president, the country has adopted a new constitution, proving that "the model of a unified state doesn't work."

Ukrainian officials are wary of decentralizing power, fearing that pro-Russia regions would hamper its Western aspirations and potentially split the country apart. However, they are exploring political reforms that could grant more authority to local governments.

The U.S. has been coy about their position on a federation. Washington has encouraged ongoing political and constitutional reform efforts that the government in Kiev is now working on but U.S. officials insist that any changes to Ukraine's governing structure must be acceptable to the Ukrainians.

Kerry said the federation idea had not been discussed in any serious way during his meeting with Lavrov "because it would have been inappropriate to do so without Ukrainian input."

"It is not up to us to make any decision or agreement regarding federalization," he said. "It is up to Ukrainians."

"We will not accept a path forward where the legitimate government of Ukraine is not at the table," Kerry said, adding that the bottom line is: "No decisions about Ukraine

without Ukraine."

Lavrov denied that Moscow wants to "split Ukraine."

"Federation does not mean, as some in Kiev fear, an attempt to split Ukraine," he said. "To the contrary, federation ... answers the interests of all regions of Ukraine."

Lavrov said he and Kerry did agree to work with the Ukrainian government to improve rights for Russian-speaking Ukrainians and disarm "irregular forces and provocateurs."

Sunday's meeting was hastily arranged 48 hours after U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke by phone in a conversation in which Obama urged Putin to withdraw his troops from the border with Ukraine. Putin, who initiated the call, asserted that Ukraine's government is allowing extremists to intimidate ethnic Russians and Russian-speaking civilians with impunity — something Ukraine insists is not happening.

That call did little to reassure U.S. officials that Russia is not planning to invade Ukraine after its annexation of Crimea that the West has condemned as illegal and a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The United States and Europe have imposed sanctions on senior Russian officials in response, sparking reciprocal moves from Moscow.

Citizens

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Health Services worked with Pam on various projects and committees during the years.

"Pam is one of the most fun people I've ever worked with on a committee, side by side or doing whatever needed to be done," she said. "She is little, but she is mighty. She cocks that eye and watch out. You better get going."

Pam has the innate ability to look at an issue and settle on a way to address it, according to Viau.

"She loves being a wife. She loves being a mom. She loves being a grandmother," she added. "She loves being able to work with the community, and she loves watching Yankton grow."

Dr. Tom Stange of Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services said he wanted to focus on the special kind of community service that Don and Pam represent.

"It's the kind of public service where one recognizes the community need and does something about it," he stated.

When it comes to Don, they don't call him "Rambo" for nothing, Stange joked.

Don earned that nickname

while president of the board at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club, he explained. During one summer, a variety of projects needed to be completed.

Don was spotted carrying a chainsaw and overall resembling the movie character played by Sylvester Stallone, according to Stange.

"It captures the point I want to make about Don," he said. "He is a doer. He represents community service in action. Don projects a tough image, but he is really a pushover when it comes to others in need."

"No one has called Pam 'Rambo,' but she does share with Don a 'roll up the sleeves and get to work' approach to community service," Stange continued. "Pam will be forever linked to the community service that she so brilliantly engineered through her tenure as director of the Yankton United Way. Pam not only engineered projects, but she also managed them until they were able to function on their own."

Without her involvement, entities like Yankton Transit and Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc., may not have been formed, he said.

"Don and Pam represent the best of community service," Stange stated. "As individuals and as a couple, they roll up their sleeves to make things happen. Yankton is a much better place because of their service."

Heather Brasel, the Ketter-

ings' daughter, joked that she would spend her time at the podium resuming her role growing up as a tattle-tale.

"I'm going to tattle on my parents today," she said. "When they first heard about this honor, they went through a whole series of emotions. My dad would often say, 'I'm only being honored because I married (Pam).'"

However, Brasel pointed out that whether it was working with Big Friend, Little Friend or leading a youth church group, her father had a long list of community involvement to his name.

"(Mom) would shake her head and say, 'I just don't know why us. There are so many people that do so much more,'" she continued. "That makes total sense. She sees all the amazing people that work in this community. She knows the people who always say yes when something needs to be done. She knows those who always give when someone or an organization has a need. She knows the hundreds of people in the community who deserve an award just like this. She knows how awesome Yankton is."

Lance Kettering, the Ketterings' son, said he wasn't even aware of all the community service his parents did while he was growing up because they were humble about it.

"They take great joy in helping others," he stated. "I am proud to say that, if I emulate them in my own activities as a father, brother and citizen, I can lead a great life."

Sponsors of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Award include: Yankton Elks, Yankton Rotary, Yankton Kiwanis Club, Federated Women's Club, Yankton VFW Post 791, Association of Retired Teachers, Lewis & Clark Shrine Club, Yankton College, Yankton Catholic Development, Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Sciences, Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Knights Of Columbus, Interchange, Inc., Women Of The Moose, The Center, American Legion Auxiliary, the Yankton County Historical Society, VFW Auxiliary, Morning Optimists and the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Wynia

Betty L. Wynia, 87 of Springfield died Sunday, March 30, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, under hospice care. Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the United Church of Christ in Springfield.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Honomichl

Dorothy Honomichl, 92, of Wagner died Sunday, March 30, 2014, at the Aurora Brule Nursing Home in White Lake. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Wagner is in charge of the arrangements.

Kenneth Pederson

Kenneth Pederson, 92, of Yankton died Sunday, March 30, 2014, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home, Yankton.

Mary Ann Thoene

Mary Ann Thoene, 84, of Hartington, Neb., died on Sunday, March 30, 2014, at her residence.

Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Margarethe

'Margo' Larson

Margarethe "Margo" Larson, 91, died early Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menno, with the Rev. Theresa

Jacobson officiating. Burial will be in the Our Savior's East Cemetery, Menno.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Nicholas Ruhaak

Nicholas Ruhaak, 46, of Elk Point died Sunday, March 30, 2014, at Prairie Estates Care Center, Elk Point. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Lora Oswald

Lora F. Oswald, 88, of Menno died Friday morning, March 28, 2014, at the Freeman Regional Health Services

Hospital, Freeman.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Olivet United Methodist Church in Olivet with the Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in care of the arrangements.

Albina Hejna

Albina A. Hejna, 89, of Tyndall died Sunday, March 30, 2014, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor.

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April 7 Expectations on the Journey
 April 14 Embracing the Uniqueness of Your Grief
 April 21 Exploring the Grief
 April 28 Experiencing Life Beyond

Presenter: Sheila Kramer, Aftercare Coordinator
 Sheila is the aftercare coordinator for the Wintz Funeral Homes. She received her Master's Degree in School Counseling with an emphasis in Community Counseling and has over 23 years of counseling experience.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

Mildred Cimprl
 who passed away on **March 31, 2013**

Larry Noecker
 who passed away on **April 1, 2013**

Cheryl Wolfburg
 who passed away on **April 1, 2013**

Donald Grimme
 who passed away on **April 2, 2013**

Marlene Mehlfah
 who passed away on **April 2, 2013**

Hod Nielsen
 who passed away on **April 3, 2013**

Alitha Pollman
 who passed away on **April 6, 2013**

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